

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.20, As Amended**

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| TO: | The Honorable Harry F. Cato, Chairman, House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee | | |
| FROM: | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board | | |
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| SUBJECT: | Pervasive Developmental Disorder | | |

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 20, as amended, requires insurance coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The Bill also provides that the State Health Plan is considered a health insurance plan for coverage purposes.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Budget and Control Board

A review of the Bill, as amended, indicates there would be an impact on the plan's expenditures which is estimated at \$10.595 million annually. Since the Bill is not specific as to whether the employer and/or employee premiums will be increased, it is assumed for this impact statement that the employer's contribution will be increased to absorb the cost of this benefit. Therefore, of the \$10.595 million there will be an annual cost to the General Fund of the State of \$6.57 million. The remaining \$4.03 million represents an additional cost of Federal and/or other funds to state agencies, school districts and other entities.

Department of Insurance

The Department indicates that this Bill would require one-time additional expenses totaling \$30,000 for temporary or contract help to review all applicable policy forms for a year.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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